



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Application of

Applicant : Sanh Dang Tang
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Filed : February 18, 2002
Title : SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICES HAVING GRADUAL SLOPE
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Docket No. : MIO 0018 V2 (96-1138.03)
Examiner : M. Estrada
Art Unit : 2823

Commissioner for Patents
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection mailed December 3, 2003, in which claims 1-8 were rejected. Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$330 which includes the fee for a Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR §1.17(b).

Applicants are filing this appeal as a precautionary measure as no further action has issued from the Office in response to applicants' Request for Reconsideration filed on February 18, 2004.

Applicants are also filing herewith a request for a two-month extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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